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Long-Term Air Pollution Exposure and Blood Pressure in the Sister Study

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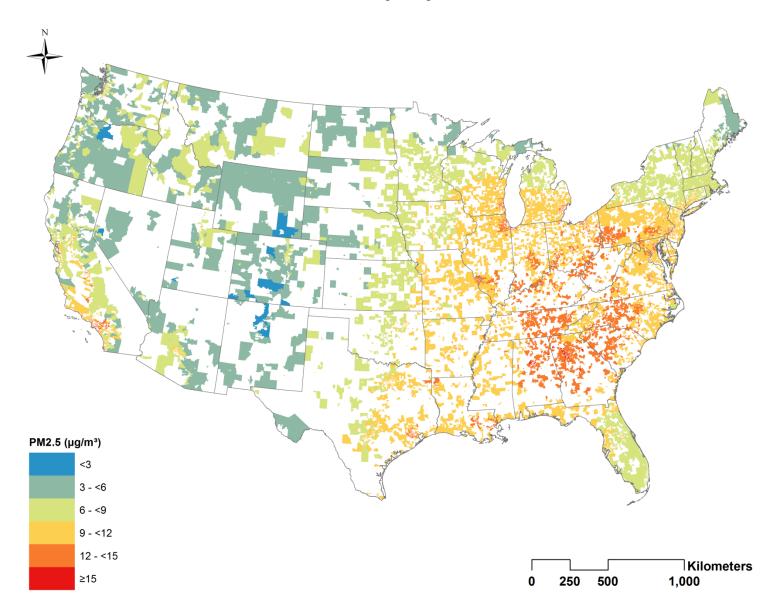


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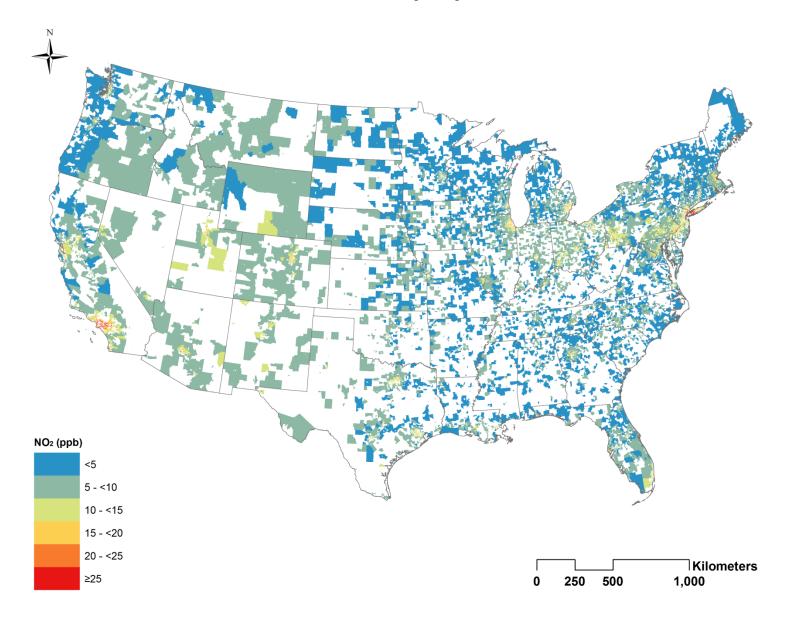


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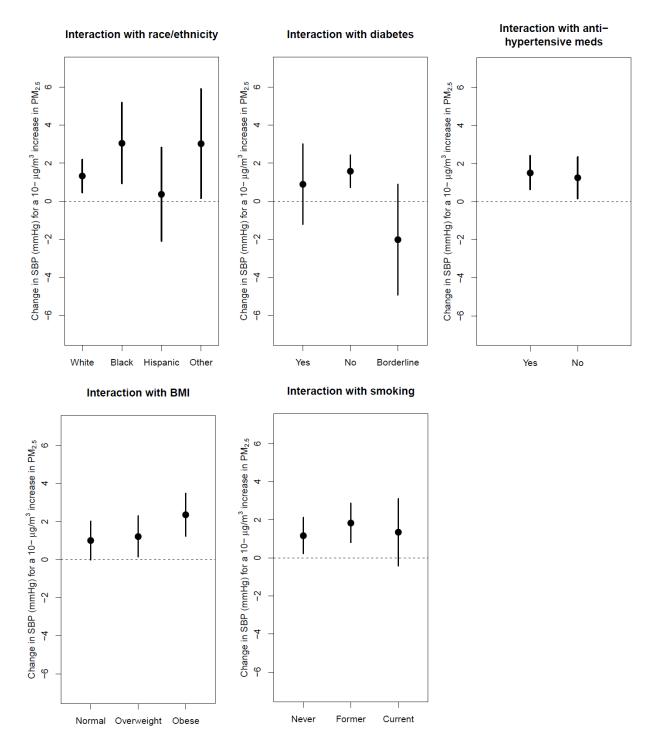


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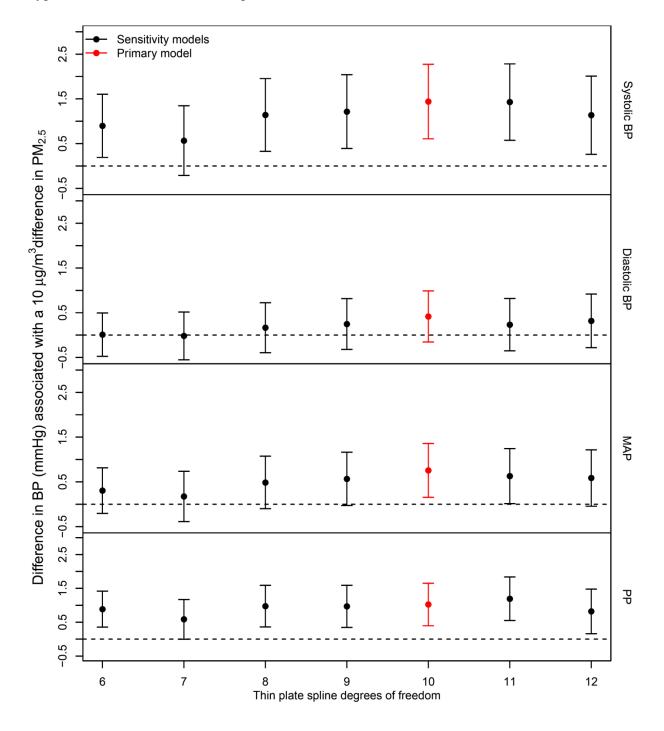


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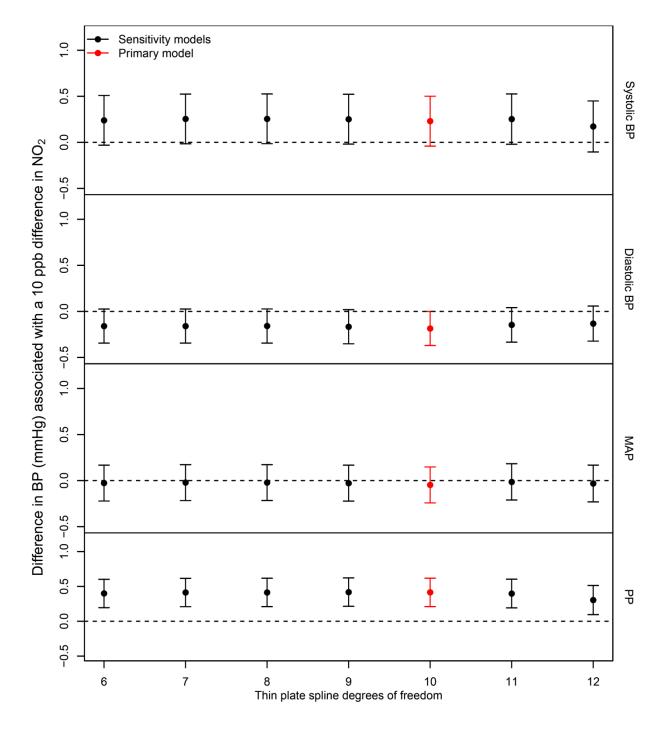


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Outcome	Per 10 μg/m³ PM _{2.5}		Per 10 ppb NO ₂	
Systolic Blood Pressure	1.6 (0.5, 2.6)	p < 0.001	-0.1 (-0.4, 0.3)	p = 0.65
Diastolic Blood Pressure	1.2 (0.5, 1.9)	p < 0.001	-0.4 (-0.6, -0.2)	p < 0.001
Mean Arterial Pressure	1.3 (0.6, 2.1)	p < 0.001	-0.3 (-0.5, -0.1)	p = 0.02
Pulse Pressure	0.4 (-0.4, 1.2)	p = 0.31	0.3 (0.1, 0.6)	p = 0.01

Fully adjusted for age, race/ethnicity, household income, education, marital status, working more than 20 hours per week outside the home, perceived stress score, neighborhood socioeconomic status Z score, urban-rural continuum code, thin plate splines for latitude and longitude, body mass index, waist-to-hip ratio, smoking status, alcohol use, diabetes, hypercholesterolemia, and blood pressure medication use.

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